of these "living resources," not only in this country but in many parts of the earth, is infinitely greater than is generally realized. . . . The essence of the whole matter is that wild animal life cannot exist unless its living places are preserved.

Student Meetings on March 10 and 24

Two student meetings will be held in March. On Saturday afternoon, March 10, in Room 214 Simson African Hall, Dr. George Haley will continue his series of talks on northern lands, discussing "Alaska, Our Last Frontier." This will be illustrated with motion pictures. Following the lecture there will be an informal discussion by student members of methods of collecting and preserving insects, after which there will be a conducted tour of the Academy's Department of Entomology. This will be the first of a series of such tours, which will ultimately cover all of the departments of the Academy.

On Saturday afternoon, March 24, at the same hour, in the same room, a meeting will be held at which several student members will discuss scientific topics of their own selection. Following this meeting there will be a tour of the Department of Birds and Mammals.

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March Announcement

THE REGULAR MARCH MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in the Assembly Room (third floor) of the San Francisco Public Library on Wednesday evening, March 14, at 7:30 P.M. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. George Marler, who will take as his subject:

GEYSERS AND HOTSPRINGS OF THE YELLOWSTONE

Mr. Marler, a Ranger Naturalist in Yellowstone National Park for the past eight years, has made a special study of geysers and hotsprings. He will illustrate his lecture with an exceptionally fine and complete series of lantern slides in Kodachrome.

The public is cordially invited.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences was held Wednesday evening, February 21, 1945, in the Simson African Hall. At this meeting the annual reports of the president, the director and the curators were presented, and the result of the annual election of officers was announced. The following persons were elected to the positions designated: President, Dr. F. M. MacFarland; First Vice-President, Dr. E. P. Meinecke; Second Vice-President, Dr. George S. Myers; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Charles L. Camp; Recording Secretary, Dr. Richard M. Eakin; Treasurer, Mr. Francis P. Farquhar; Trustee (to serve five years), Mr. Norman B. Livermore.

DR. DURAND ELECTED AN HONORARY MEMBER

A NOMINATION was read at the annual meeting, bearing the signatures of twenty-four corporate members of the Academy, presenting the name of Dr. William F. Durand, Emeritus Professor of Mechanical Engineering in Stanford University, for Honorary Membership. On motion duly seconded, Dr. Durand was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the California Academy of Sciences. This is the highest honor which the Academy confers.

Dr. Durand has been a Member of the Academy since 1921 and a Fellow since 1926.

ACADEMY CITED FOR WAR WORK

ON TUESDAY, February 13, on the War Manpower Commission's program, "Work is Your Weapon," the following announcement was made over Radio Station KGO: "Tonight we salute the workers in the Optical Repair Shop of the California Academy of Sciences. Performing work of the most exacting nature in the repair and servicing of optical and navigation instruments for the United States Navy, these men and women have never failed to meet a deadline for the sailing of a ship."

This was the first public announcement of a vital service which the Academy has been rendering to the armed forces ever since the outbreak of war. A further account of this work and of some of its dramatic features will be given in a subsequent issue of the NEWS LETTER.

ELEVENTH CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION WEEK

THE ACADEMY is pleased again to coöperate with the California Conservation Council in urging the observance of the eleventh "California Conservation Week," March 7–14, 1945. A conservation poster exhibit has been placed in the Academy's Museum, and a similar exhibit has been loaned to the Palo Alto Children's Museum. Members of the Academy's staff will also give a number of lectures on conservation during this period.

The picture on the cover of this News Letter, a photograph of the San Joaquin Valley Waterfowl exhibit in the Academy's Museum, has been selected as especially appropriate to the theme of conservation of our wildlife and other natural resources.

We wish to quote in this connection from the February, 1945, issue of "Animal Kingdom," some excerpts from an editorial by Mr. Fairfield Osborn, President of the New York Zoölogical Society:

Emphasis must be placed to a greater extent than heretofore upon the preservation not only of wild animal life itself but at the same time on the saving of natural habitat areas, namely forests, soils and waterways, on which all animals, including man himself, are dependent. The velocity of destruction